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Tongramil expedition in Africa;

THE LETTER. write this letter in a harry, as it is the mere receed of a week begun and not soded .- I mean the have explored by means of the Lady Alice the ture land. Of course hats, however large, into every buy, islet, and creek that indent its scape. shores, and have taken thirty-seven observations. so that I feel competent to decide upon the question at issue, without bias or prejudice to any hypethesis.

south. Bilince starting on the exploration of the | and buts. lake, I ascertained that Museza was situated a few miles west almost on the same parallel of it contains two islands.—Ukerewe and Mariti. Looking at the same objects from Kagebyi, I would have concluded that they were islands asysed; but a faithful exploration of the lake has proved that they are not islands, but a lengthy promontory of land extending from longitude 34 deg. 45% min. east, to longitude 32 deg. 40 min. 15 sec. cast. That part of the lake that Speke observed from Munitin is merely a togo gulf, about 25 miles wide by 65 miles long.

ROTAL NAVAL WELCOME. Arriving at Beya, we were welcomed by a fleet of europe sent by Miesa to conduct us to Mur-

On the 4th of April I landed smill a concourse of 2000 people, who saluted me with a deafering rolley of musketry and waving of flags. Kata-kiro, the objet Mukungu or officer in Uganda. then conducted me to confocuble quarters, to which shortly afterwards were brought sixteed goats, ten exen, so immense quantity of barranas, plaintains, sweet potatoes, besides eggs, chickens, alk, rice, ghee, and butter. After such a royal and bountiful gift I felt more curiosity than ever to see the generous monarch. MINSA'S BECKETTON.

In the afternoon Muesa, having prepared beforchand for my reception, seat to say that he was ready to receive use. Issuing out of my quarters, I found myself in a broad street 80 feet wide and half a mile long, which was fixed by his personal guards and attendants, his Captains and gaive recipace, to the number of about At the extreme end of this street and fronting it was the King's audience house, in whose shadow I saw dimly the figure of the King.

altring in a chair.

As I advanced towards him, the soldiers continged to fire their gans. The drums, sixteen in number, best a fourful tempest of sound, and the first waved until I became conscious that all this display was for beyond my merits, and conse questly felt greatly embarrassed by so flattering a reception. Arrived before the undespee house AMERICAN, ENGLISH AND AUSTRALIAN the King rose, -a tall and slender figure, dressed in Arab costume, specoached me a few paces, held out his hand mutely, while the drums con tinged their terrible poise, and we stood silently gozing at each other a few minutes, I, indeed, the many screening, disc I was nivited to sit. Missa first showing the ex-ample, followed by his great Captains, about one whole of his Court profess Islamism. A long I was invited to sit. Missa first showing the exhundred in number.

SIN PERSONAL APPRARANCE. More at ease, I surveyed the figure and features of this powerful modurch. Mtesa is about 34 years old, tail and slender in build, as I have alonde acated but with broad shoulders. His face is very agreeable and pleasant, and indicates intelligroce and mildress. His eyes are large, his could afford, for Missa. nose and month are a great improvement upon

ing white. MANUEL OF ADDRESS.

As soon as Muesa began to speak I became captivated by his munuer, for there was much of the polish of a true geotleman about it-it was at once amobile, graceful, and friendly. It assured me that in Massa I had found a friend, a generous King, and an intelligent ruler. He is infinitely superior to Sard Burghash, the Arab Sultan of Zonzibar, and he appears to me like a colored genper and a vast amount of information which he has collected for the improvement of his race. If you will recollect that Mtesa is a notice of Central Africa, and that he had seen but three white men natil I came, you will, perhaps, he as much astonished as I was. And if you will hat think of the encemous extent of country he rules. extending from east longitude 34 to east longi-tude 31, and from north latitude 1 to south latitude 3.30 you will perceive the immense influence he could wield toward the civilization of Africa. Indeed, I could not regard this King or look at him in any other light than the Augus-tus by whose means the light of the Gospel will

be brought to benighted Middle Africa. Undoubtedly the Missa of to-day is reatly superior to the vain youth whom Speke and Grant saw. There is no butchery of men or women; seldom one suffers the extreme punishment Speke and Grant left him a raw, varn youth, and a heathen. He is now a gentleman, and, proown erratic will, which, we are told, led to sever and fatal consequences. All his Captains and chief officers profess the same creed, dress in Arab custome, and in other ways affect Arab He has a goard of 200 men-renegadoes from Baker's Expedition, Zangabur defalcators, a few Owner, and the elect of Uganda, HIS COURT.

Behind his throne, an arm-chair of native manufacture, the Boyal shield-bearers, lancebearers, and gan bearers stand erect and staid. country and do a listle work for good pay, when the courtiers are of him are his grand chiefs and a colored man accepted him, saying; courtiers, some of Governors of his provinces. "Boss does you want some doe to hask corn?" chiefs of districts, etc. Outside the audienceboose the lengthy lions of warriors begin with the chief drummer and the noisy goma heaters. Next come the screaming filers, the flag and bunner bearers, the incheses, and so on seemingly ad infaitum with spearmen.

Missa asked a number of quastions about va-rious things, thereby showing a vast amount of curiosity and great intelligence.

GATETY AND RENGING. The King had arrived at this camp-Usavara -fourtees days before my arrival, with this im-mense army of followers, for the purpose of shoot-ing birds. He now proposed to return, after two or three days' rest, to his capital at Ulagalla or Uragara. Each day of my stay at Usavara was a scene of guyety and rejoicing. On the first day after my arrival we beheld a grand naval review, -eighty-four curoes, each manned by from thirty to forty men, containing in the aggregate about 2,500 men. We had excellent races, and witnessed various maneuvers by water. Each Admiral vied with the other in extering aloud the glory of their monarch, or an exciting admiration from the hundreds of spectators on above. The King's 300 wires were present up grands toque. and were not the least important of those on

OUTSOME EPORT. The second day the King led his fleet in person to show me his prowess in shooting bards. Mocking out at the quarry in Currara, now We rowed, or rather paddled, up Murchison weighs 27,000 chilo, (about 60,000 pounds.) is

Grant lound him.

Uganda, Ulagalia, or Uragara.

MTSSA IS A GREAT KING.

He is a monarch who would delight the soul of New York Recall, Nos. 28,

By the Enregson mail of the 19th inst., to hard we have the following interesting letter reporting the travels and explorations of Mr. Each day I saw something which increased my religious expedition in Africa. ting Europeans and great Kings, which trait, with a little tuition, would be of immense benedi-Ulandila Messa's Cartran Usaxba, E. Lox, to his country. He has prepared broad high-32 49 45 N. Lar. of SF. April, 12 1875.—1 ways in the neighborhood of his capital for the good time that is coming when some charitable European will send him any kind of a wheeled exploration of the Victoria Niyanza. But, brief as it necessarily must be. I am surv it will interest thousands of your readers, for it solves the great question. Is the Victoria Niyanza one take, or does it consist of a group of lakes? rebicle. As we approached the capital the highsuch as Livingstone reported it to be. In an-swer to the query, I will begin by stating that I done of plantains and bananas, and beautiful paswhole of the southern, sustern, and northeastern but little attraction to a scene, but a full fligstaff shaces of the Victoria Niyanza have penetrated and as immeuse flag proved a feature in the land-IN THE CAPITAL.

Arrived at the Capital I found that the wast collection of buts crowning the eminence were the Royal Quarters, around which run five separ-ANDERES OF THE LAKE.

I have already informed you that our camp at and the city was a circular road, ranging from 100 Kagehyi, in Usakuma, is situated in longitude to 200 feet in width, from which radiated six or 33 deg. 13 min. east, and satitude 2 deg. 31 min. seven magnificent avonues, lined with gardens

AT THE PALACE IN STATE. The next day after arrival I was introduced to utitude as Kagehri. Now, Musica is the point, the Royal Palace in great state. None of the whence Speke observed the Victoria Niyanza, primitive seenes visible in Speke's book were and where he drew his imaginary sketch of the visible here. The guards, clothed in white cut-lake from referentian given to him by the natives. In dresses, were by no means comical. The if you will look at Speke's map you will find that Chiefs were very respectable looking people. dressed richly in the Arab contume. The Palace was a huge and folty structure, well built of grass and cane, while tall trunks of trees upheld the roof, which was covered with cloth-sheeting

SPEKE RIGHT-LIVINGSTONE WRONG. Then, briefly, this much remains to be said. Livingstone, in his report of the Niyanza consisting of five lakes, was wrong. Speke in his state—that a time is coming when, as our earth ment that the Niyanza was but one lake, was old, the seas will diminish in size? Is that quite correct. But I believe that east of the Niyanna, or rather northeast, there are other lakes. smaller ?" These questions, which were put though they have no connection whatever with with considerable dramatic force, the lecturer the Niyanza: nor do I suppose they are of any great inaguitude or extend south of the Equator. opinion the ricers entering the Niyanga on the dry up, because the land would soak up the northeastern shore do not sufficiently drain the water. This was a recent theory held by certain rast area of country lying between the Niyama scientists. As a planet contracted numerous and the western versant of the Eastern African small cavities formed into it, sufficient to swallow mountain range. From the volume of the Niyanna freders on the northeastern sale I cannot think that they extend further than longitude 36 degrees east, which leaves a large truct of country cast to be drained by other means than the Niyanza. But this means may very probably be the lub, which empties its waters into the Indian Ocean. The Sobat cannot possibly approach near the Equator. This, however, will be decided definitely by Gordon's officers. Col. Belle-

When you see my chart, which will trace the course of the Learnberri and the Shimeeya, the photographic views, and the absence of vapor rivers which drain the whole of the south and proved that it had no water. The apparent sous southeast countries of the Niyanza, you will be upon its surface were merely old sea-bottoms better able to judge of their importance and mag-nitude as sources of the Nile. I expect to dis-ered with deposits of animal structure, and the cover a considerable river southwest; but all this will be best told in my next letter. HESEY M. STASLEY.

P. S .- I had almost forgotten to state that the P. S.—I had almost lorgorted to state an income showing clearly the staters, mountains, greatest depth of the Niyanza, as yet ascertained by me, is 275 test. I have not yet sounded the valleys and shadows, which variegate it, were exhibited. Some of these, the lecturer said, were exhibited. tern to Usukuma south.

MTESA'S CAPITAL UGANDA, April 14, 1875 .- I had almost neglected to inform you and your more emburgased than ever. But soon, relieved readers of one very interesting subject connected from the oppressive noise of the hoge drums and with Mtesa, which will gratify many a philauthro-

time ago, some four or five years, Khamis Bin Abdullah (the only Arab who remained with me three years ago, as a reorgand, when the Arabs disgracefully fled from Mirambo) came to Uganda. He was wealthy of noble descent had a fine, magnificent personal appearance, and brought with him many a rich present, such as few Arabs The King became imme diately fascinated with him, and really few white those of the common type of negro, and approach to those of the Muscat Arab slightly tainted with out being charmed by his presence, his handsome, negro blood. His teeth are splended and gleammen could be long with the son of Abdullah withproud features, his rich olive complexion, and his serality. I confess I never suw an Arab or Mussulman who attracted me so much as Khamis Bin Abdellah and it is no wonder that Missa meeting a kindred spirit in the noble Arab of Muscat, amazed at the magnificent figure, the splender of his apparell, the display of his wealth and the number of his slaves, fell in love with him. Khamis stayed with Mtess afull year, dur- of his eyes and the corner of his mouth. ing which time

THE KING BRUANE & CONTEST TO THE CREED OF tleman who has visited European courts, whence be has caught a certain polish and case of man-namely, Mohammedanism. The Arab clothed EHAMIS-Mtesa in the best that his wardrobe offered. He gave him gold-embroidered jackets, fine white shirts, crimson slippers, swords, silk sashes, daggers, and a revolving rifle, so that Speke and

Grant's presents seemed quite insignificant. Until I arrived at Missa's Court, the King delighted in the idea that he was a follower of Islam; but by one conversation I flatter myself that I have tumbled the newly-raised religious fabric to the ground, and if it were only followed by the arrival of a Christian mission here, the CONVERSION OF MICHA AND HIS COURT TO CHIPTOTI.

would be complete. I have undermined Islamism the beil. When the porter appeared, he said, so much bece that Missa has determined benceforth, until he is better informed, to observe the Christian Sabbath as well as the Moslem Sabbath. and the great captains have unanimously consented to it. He has caused the ten command-ments of Moses to be written on a board for his Chicago Trabune. daily perusal,—as Miesa can read Arabic,—as well as the Lord's Prayer and the golden commandment of our Savior. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This is great progress for the few days that I have remained with him, and, though I am no missionary, I shall begin to think that I shall become one if such success is so feasi-HERRY. M. STABLEY.

TAKING " KHER " OF HIS HEALTH .- A farmer was posterday walking around the central market trying to find some chap willing to go into the country and do a listle work for good pay, when

"Yes; I've been looking all the morning for gomeone: What's de pay?"

"I'll give a dollar a day."
"And board !"

'An' chickens an' pudding for dinner ?' " An' Harana cigars to smoke?" " I-I guess so," slammered the larmer.

" An' a coal store right close aroun' dar whar de eten is? "No; I never heard of a store in a cornfield." "Well, if dar's no store out dar you can't count die chile slong! I'm got to take keer of my health, even if dere isn't a brashed of gorn raised in dis country!"-Detroit Free Press.

ISSAULTER' CESTESSIAL MOSUMEST.-From the Bone Il Cosmopolita of the 28th ultimo, we extract the following: "An enormous block of marble, the largest that has been transported by railway from Currara to Rome, has been very recently sledged and placed in the stadio of the young American artisl acceptor, M. Ezekiel. No. 137 Via Terino, and he is now busity engaged upon it, blocking out his colousal group "Re-ligious Liberty," which is to be coresided at Phil-adelphia during the Centencial Exposition. The block of merble is of hugo dimensions. Having

Creek, visiting on toute a drow he is building for | three and one-half metres (about twolve feet) in the navigation of the lake, his place of residence, and his former capital, Banda, where Speke and is very seldom that a block of such immense size breadth. The murble is very fine quality, and it rant lound him.

THE ARKY.

The third day the troops of Miesa exercised at by Mr. Enckiel last July, in his studio, and has target prectise, and on the fourth day we all met with marked satisfaction and the highest marched for the Grand Capital, the Kiboga of praise in the aristic circles; able criticisms and illustrations of his work will soon appear in the most prominent journals of the old world.

Planetary Growth and Decay. Similar Composition of the Planets How the Earth will Die.

his course of five lectures on Astronomy, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on the evening of December 16th. His subject was The Life and Death of Workles. He said he would trace the history of the earth from the present time to the time when it will be deed. like the moon-The planets differed from one another in all their charateristics, but they were alike in this-The spectroscope had shown that the sun re-combled the earth in matter, and there was no reason why it should not, to like manner, resemble the other planets. This part of the lec-ture was illustrated by colored views showing the solar spectrum and the spectrum of iron, an the manner of testing the presence of iron in the sun. The present state, of the planet Jupiter was then shown. The earth, the lecturer said, would go on and reach the culminating point of life and then go down to death long before Japiter would reach a period in its history corre sponding to the present time in the earth's history, because Jupiter, basing a mass so much greater, would take ton times as long as the earth to part with its hout. The large planets had a longer time of life than the small ones, just as animals had a longer existence than insects. In reference to the time when life was possible on its surface, each planet had to be judged by itself The old-hashioned way of treating the outer planets as being different members of the same family as the earth and other small planets near the san, was incorrect. They were bodies of a different order altogether. The planet Mars, on the other hand, was smaller and much older than the earth, having arrived at a later stage of planetary life. Several views were presented of this planet representing the poculiar smallness of the seas as compared with the continents on its sarlace. The amount of land and water was about equal. Referring to this fact, the lecturer said: "What does this moun? Is it possible old, the seas will diminish in size? Is that a law, that as the earth grows older the ocean grows answered by saying that when we looked at creat magnitude or extend south of the Equator. what took place in the earth we might think it you sek me why. I can only answer that in my that the time would come when the ocean would up all of its sens. These caraties could not be large, else the substance of the planet would fill them, but they would be mere interstices. It had been computed that in time enough of these interstices would be formed in the earth to with draw the entire ocean from its bed. The next series of views represented photo-

graphs of the moon's surface. The moon was taken as the type of a planet which had become dead. It was probably dead long before founds informs me that the Assus, or Ashn, is a signs of life had appeared on the earth. no atmosphere, as was shown by the clearness same thing was taking place at the bottom of our ocean. Other proofs were adduced of the want of an atmosphere and of water on the moon Many very striking views of the surface of the new, having been taken in the southern bemisphere. The earth would die, Professor Proctor aid, in more ways than one. It might be that the human race would exhaust the means of life; it might be, according to the theory of Professor Hyatt of Boston, that man had now passed the highest point of his physical development, and was degenerating; and it might be that the natural process of cooling of the earth would destroy all life upon it. There was another way to death for earth, which some persons believe in, which was that it might be burned. This was an astronomical possibility. In 1866 a star in in the Northern Crown saddenly blazed out 800 times its usual brilliancy, and then was extinguished. The same accident, from whatever cause it might arise, could happen to the earth But man could look forward with hope, for planet after planet was taking on the forms of life-even Jupiter would, after millions of millions of years, become habitable, and then a race might come into existence very far superior to man in his highest stage of development. Finally, after ages and ages, the sun itself might reach that stage when life might exist apon it for millions of

> A CHICAGO TRAGEDY .- He came in shaking with suppressed laughter, which fairly nozed out ing a chair beside the editor, he coughed affably in his face, and drawing some manuscript from his pocket, said: "I've been getting up some-thing good for you—something bully, and yet it's so simple that it is a wonder nobody else has thought of it. It'll be a clean schop on every paper in America. [Here the editor took up a seasy ruler that was lying on the desk before him, and rubbed his nose with it reflectively] You know they've elected Michael C. Kerr speaker?" The editor answered that he did. Well," said the visitor, spasking very rapidly, here's a lot of jokes about his name - Mr. Kerr' and-" The heavy ruler descended on his head with a fearful crash, and the visitor tumbled upon the floor. The editor felt his pulse and leaned his car against his heart; then with smile of satisfaction, rifled his pockets and rang Then he resumed his work-an editorial on the bratalities of body snatching.

A Secret Well Kept.

Becent mention has been made of the Ward will case, as one of the most remarkable causes of the day, but another bestementary contest fairly rivals it in some of the derectorments. Mr. Singer, the famous sewing-machine maker, died not long ago, and left thirteen millions of dollars to be divided among his being. His will proceed a consideration of the contest of t his heirs. His will revealed a previously unexpected state of affairs. It appeared that he had he had two wives and four concubines, and that the six had all borne large families. He provided for the children the continues of the co ried to him, and that he devised her a very large share of his property. But the really amazing fea-ture of the case is that this secret of Mr. Singar was religibuely kept until his death, and the more this fact religiblely kept until his death, and the more this fact is possioned the more wonderful it will appear. For he was uncommonly rich, and secupied a cedal position which must have rendered him poculiarly valuarable to black-mailing projects. Again, six woman were in the secret, or at least in a position to make it knaws, and yet held their peace; and twenty-eight chiefers apparently grew up without finding it not. That this should have happened among the most notoriously impuisitive people in the world, is enough to drive the New Regianders to daspair; and after meditating the phenomeon carefully we perceive but one possible explanation of Mr. Singer's immunity, which is, that he never became a candidate for office. Had he done so, it is mealing to observe that the minutest details of his polygamous carraw would have been exhibited to the pablic in the magic-leastern of the press—nothing extenuated, and (too probably) a good deal set down in mailor.

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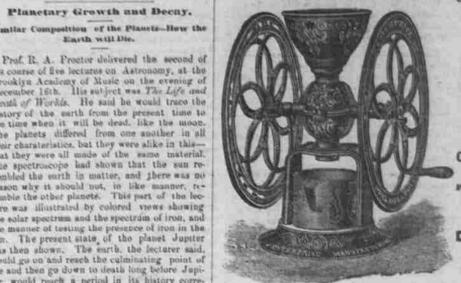
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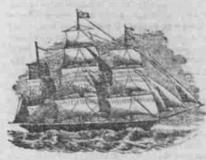
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